

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *TRACHIOPSIS* FROM  
BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

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*PLANISPIRA* (*TRACHIOPSIS*) *BLACKIANA*, n.sp.

Shell depressed, fulvous brown, the peristome slightly tinged with pinkish purple. Whorls 5, convex, well marked with coarse striæ which almost appear as riblets, especially on the later whorls, possibly indicating periods of rest, and with finer lines of growth between them. Suture well-impressed. Aperture suboval. Peristome reflexed and descending above, the extremities united by a slight callosity. Columellar margin rather broadly expanded, whitish. Umbilicus deep and rather narrow, though rapidly broadening towards the base of the shell.

Diam. maj. 21 mm.; alt. 10 mm. Aperture (inside measurement), diam. 7 mm., alt. 7.5 mm.

*Hab.*—Port Moresby District, British New Guinea.



A very striking shell, whose nearest ally appears to be *T. Delessertiana*, Le Guil. From this, however, it differs in its more solid appearance, in its rather deeper suture and somewhat more circular aperture, and in the purplish tinge on the outer lip, which is absent in *T. Delessertiana*; moreover, the riblets appear to be quite peculiar.

I have received several specimens through the kindness of Mr. P. G. Black, with whose name I have much pleasure in associating the species. Although there appears to be some variation in size, all the other characters are absolutely constant.

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